

Crazy 641

Chapter 641: Let's Play a Game, Okay?

Once Gao Facai had obtained hard evidence, Zhao Yu's opinion started to be swayed. Various local police stations started to send in their investigation reports, and Zhao Yu shook his head as he read them. After reading them all, he had no choice but to reinvestigate the bizarre national case all over again!

Twenty four years ago, in the forest near the suburb of Jinbian, they had found the first victim. Then, as the female corpse was headless and the murderer had removed her fingerprints, the police could only certified the victim's identity four years later, and this was after searching exhaustively through various channels!

The name of the victim was Cheng Weihong, and she was from Jin'an, Weiling. According to the information on the report, the victim was forty-six when she first went missing. She was a distributor of mountain products, who specialized in selling dried fruits and nuts, like walnuts and almonds.

Zhao Yu and his team investigated the deceased victim's situation the entire morning. Then, the local police certified through the deceased's family that Cheng Weihong had never left Jin'an her entire life. Hence, it was quite impossible for her to be connected to Du Manting, as she had lived in Nanjiang.

The second victim of the Headless Female Corpses Case was killed two years after the first case. The murderer killed the victim and placed her in the forest by the river in Linfu. He leaned her against a tree, just like the previous victim.

However, due to the its being found much later, the corpse was badly rotten. Regrettably, although the police put up an official notice across the nation, the corpse had yet to be identified or claimed.

The forensic had figured out her basic detail after studying the remains. The deceased had apparently been a woman in her thirties, who was barren.

Then, after Gao Facai took over the case, he took a sample from the woman's skull. He brought the sample to the National DNA Data Center to do a comparison, then sent the results to his other colleagues to do a skull recovery. Armed with such a wealth of forensics, he believed that he should be able to find the person's identity!

The case continued, and in that same year, the third victim appeared in Jin'an, Leping. After another year, the fourth case happened in Leping again. Then, the murderer was even more daring. The location where he left the dead body was in the same forest as the third victim!

Due to this fact, the people now called the forest the Haunted Forest. No one dared to go there anymore!

Then, with the fifth victim, the killer changed to a different location. This murder happened in Jin'an, Jinlang.

In the end, including Bai Lili, whose corpse was found in Ganlong, there were a total of six deceased victims in five years. This string of brutal killings shook the people!

Since then, the Headless Female Corpses Case became one of the nightmares of all the Jinzhong residents. In fact, many females didn't dare leave their houses at night.

The people harbored an intense hatred for this psychotic serial killer, so they were hoping that the police would arrest the criminal as soon as possible. No one would have guessed that it would take twenty four years before the police arrested a prime suspect for the very first time!

However, from what Zhao Yu saw, he wasn't certain about this prime suspect, Tao Xiang. This was because, besides Bai Lili, the other five victims had no signs of every interacting with Du Manting!

According to Ma Wenliang's testimony, Du Manting was from Bai Ling. When she was in the gang back then, she wouldn't have any reason to be anywhere else.

Plus, after her life with Cui Fangyu improved, besides taking care of her company, she even had a child. Hence, she wouldn't have had a chance to get to know any of those victims from other places.

So, from the looks of it, Tao Xiang didn't kill them because they had offended Du Manting in anyway. Either there was some other reason, or Tao Xiang was just a scapegoat that had been framed! If Tao Xiang was really not the murderer, then this case was in big trouble!

At first, Zhao Yu wanted to use the Headless Female Corpses Case to counter the deadline order of the Gem Theft Case! However, the situation had instantly become much worse. If he couldn't even provide a reasonable motive, it would be even more difficult to convict Tao Xiang of the crime!

How do I continue to investigate this case, and where did the Tamil Star go?

The Tamil Star...

Hey!

Then, Zhao Yu had a sudden thought and recalled something important. What if I continue to put in some time and effort on the Gemstone Case?

At first, he thought that he would be able to find the gemstone if he could just solve the Headless Female Corpses Case first. As he couldn't solve the case at the moment, he figured that he might try looking for the gemstone!

As the two cases complemented each other, if I find the gemstone, will I then be able to find the clues for the Headless Female Corpses Case?

Mmmmm... The gemstone...

Zhao Yu suddenly remembered that he had received quite a lot of information from Wu Fangfang. At that moment, Zhao Yu was suddenly enlightened.

He immediately asked Zeng Ke, "Wu Fangfang has the surveillance footage from the gemstone exhibition, right?"

"Huh?" Zeng Ke was a little taken aback by the question. He then paused and replied, "Yeah, a total of about ten days' worth, covering both before and after the exhibition. In fact, all of the surveillance videos are here! But, why are you asking this?"

“Are you dumb?” Zhao Yu opened his eyes wide and asked, “Do you know why the videos were not helpful back then? It wasn’t because there was nothing on them, but it was because the police didn’t know who stole the gemstone! Now, it’s different!”

“Oh... Oh... Why did I not think about that?” Zeng Ke slapped his forehead. “If Tao Xiang really stole the gemstone, he must have visited the exhibition beforehand. Hence, he must appear in the surveillance video!”

“But, Team Leader, I don’t understand. Even if we found Tao Xiang in the video, it would only prove that he might have stolen the gemstone! So what then?” Ran Tao asked.

“Well, at least it is a clue!” Zhao Yu replied, a look of determination on his face. “Once we find it, there might even be new clues! Besides, Sis Wu is right. You’d better keep quiet when we analyze the case next time!”

Ran Tao felt awkward suddenly. Zeng Ke then quickly connected his laptop to the device and started fiddling with the surveillance videos.

Zhao Yu then shook his head. “There are so many videos! We’d never be able to watch them all! Let me talk to Captain Sun to see if he can send over some professionals to help. Plus, Tao Xiang was so cunning, so I suspect that he might have tried to disguise himself when he went to check out the venue.”

“It’s okay... There’s no need to... Team Leader!” Zeng Ke stood up and beckoned him over. “Did you forget that I’m a professional? Once I detect Tao Xiang’s body characteristics and then conduct a comparison using my special software, I will be able to find him! Don’t worry, no matter how he tried to disguise himself back then, I’ll find him on those videos!”

“Okay...” Zhao Yu nodded. Honestly speaking, he never knew that the police department had such high-tech devices!

“We’re back...” At that moment, the door was pushed open and Wu Xiumin and Cui Lizhu entered from outside.

As Cui Lizhu was very emotionally fragile at the moment, Wu Xiumin had been outside counseling and comforting her. As they entered, Cui Lizhu obviously looked better after talking things out.

“What happened?” Wu Xiumin came in and looked at Ran Tao. She then asked curiously, “Why do you look like you just got scolded?”

Zeng Ke heard this and quickly gave her a thumbs up. “Sis Wu, you must be psychic!”

“Humph!” Zhao Yu humphed and quickly waved at his teammates to get their attention. “Everyone, how about this, are you interested in playing a game together?”

Chapter 642: Kan Hexagram

“Team Leader, what are you up to?” Wu Xiumin didn’t understand what Zhao Yu meant. “How can you be in the mood to play a game in such a situation?”

“Trust me, this game will be fun...” Zhao Yu slowly walked towards Wu Xiumin and extended his hand to take her handbag. He then said, “Let’s play an affirmation game, okay? We pick someone and then shower that person with compliments! What do you think? Who should we start with first?”

He unzipped Wu Xiumin’s bag and took out a tiny black object, which was obviously a makeup powder compact. Looking at it in his hands, Wu Xiumin couldn’t help but crease her eyebrows. The confusion in her eyes told everyone that it didn’t belong to her.

Then, not only was Wu Xiumin confused, but everyone else was suspicious too. They wondered what Zhao Yu was doing.

However, everyone soon understood in an instant. Zhao Yu pulled lightly, revealing that there was a thin wire jutting out slightly from the powder compact.

“What the heck? Eaves...” Ran Tao had yet to finish blurting out the word “eavesdropper,” when Wu Xiumin shut him up by covering his mouth.

She then pretended to chuckle and said to Zhao Yu, “Team Leader, now I understand! This game that you’re talking about is quite interesting! For me, I think we should praise, Team Leader Wu Fangfang from the Gem Theft Case special force first. She’s such a sexy beauty, after all!”

Wu Xiumin said this to remind everyone that the eavesdropper was most likely someone that Wu Fangfang sent to spy on them via the bug in the compact! Zhao Yu then pointed at Cui Lizhu’s head, miming and gesturing, as if to complain that Cui Lizhu, who was the daughter of the king of the thieves, didn’t even notice that Wu Xiumin was being bugged! Talk about embarrassing!

Cui Lizhu quickly understood what Zhao Yu was trying to say and replied in similar gesturing actions of taking off her pants. She tried to convey that she had gone to the bathroom, which was why she hadn’t seen anything! Wu Xiumin nodded in agreement to verify what Cui Lizhu had just conveyed.

Zhao Yu didn’t know if he should cry or laugh about that. He never thought Wu Fangfang would resort to installing a tapping device and use Wu Xiumin as her target.

That was really quite sneaky of her! If it wasn’t for Zhao Yu’s Invisible Detector, he might have fallen into her trap!

“I have something important to say!” Zeng Ke gestured at everyone and got closer to the tapping device before he said, “Let me start first! I’m best at giving compliments. I think Team Leader Wu Fangfang is a forever young beauty. She has already gone through menopause, but she still looks so young!”

“Pfft.” Ran Tao had just taken a big gulp of water and spit it out that instant.

Even Zhao Yu was shocked by Zeng Ke. He never thought Zeng Ke’s level of understanding was so high. He then looked at Zeng Ke in a different light! Zeng Ke was pleased with his performance and flashed everyone a thumbs up before leaving the office.

“I’ll go next!” Wu Xiumin pursed her lips and said, “I also think that Team Leader Fangfang is a beauty. I love her to death and would do anything for her. When I am rich, I will pay for her to stay in the best mental hospital!”

When she heard Wu Xiumin's cheeky words, Cui Lizhu nearly laughed out loud. Cui Lizhu wanted to join in the fun, but Zhao Yu stopped her. Zhao Yu thought it was inappropriate for her to join in since she wasn't an internal staff member.

"Let me go next!" Ran Tao finally understood the rouse and chimed in to join the fun. "I like Team Leader Wu Fangfang too. So, I wish I could break all of her little robot-like boyfriends and take out their batteries!"

Feeling that Ran Tao had crossed the line a bit with his last comment, Zhao Yu scolded him with a stern glance. However, Zhao Yu was still really having so much fun with this game! By this time, everyone else had joined him in "praising" Wu Fangfang!

Zhao Yu's suspicions were correct, as Wu Fangfang really had assigned someone to drop the tapping device into Wu Xiumin's bag! She had planted it there when she heard that Zhao Yu had found a metal box from the grave!

This shocked and impressed her. She then finally realized that, not only could Zhao Yu act like a gangster, the b*stard seemed to always get his way! Hence, she wanted to try to belittle Zhao Yu in some way, so she decided to leave a tapping device with them, looking for some dirt on his team!

However, Zhao Yu immediately spotted the bug and decided to turn her plot against her. Whatever Zhao Yu and his team were saying, Wu Fangfang and her underlings could hear clearly.

So, imagine just how pis*ed Wu Fangfang was! Her face was contorted with anger!

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At two in the afternoon, Zhao Yu said goodbye to his teammates, then left the Bai Ling Police Station in silence. It was almost time for the day's side quest. As the location of the side quest was slightly further away than usual, he had to depart ahead of time.

After he had completed the concert side quest the night before, his accumulative points had shot up exponentially! Although the concert had nothing to do with the case, it had allowed Zhao Yu to increase his accumulative points tremendously, which meant that he could get a large sum of money. So, it could be said that it was definitely a fruitful trip!

Hence, Zhao Yu was looking forward to the side quest of the day. He wondered what he would come across now.

As Bai Ling Police Station was located in a brand new area of Bai Ling, it was some distance away from the city. He drove and drove, then finally reached the target area.

Even though Zhao Yu was driving a Bai Ling Police Station police car, he obviously didn't enjoy any special privileges like using the siren. So, he still had to be stuck in the traffic jams like everyone else.

He had just entered the targeted area when he was blocked off by several cars and a crowd of people. He had already entered the central area of Bai Ling City, but the road itself wasn't spacious, so traffic was barely moving!

Zhao Yu slammed the steering wheel with his hand, seeing that he had no choice but to take matters into his own hands. In order to get to the place on time, he had to abandon the car and run over to it

instead! However, just as he got out of the police car and checked the location again, he suddenly realized that his target location was right where the car was parked!

Hey? What is going on? The time continued to pass, so the miracle adventure was obviously going to happen, but he was stuck in the traffic jam!

What other miracle adventure could I be encountering?

Helplessly, Zhao Yu opened the door and got back into the car. He was very confused as to what was going on!

He had not even sat back down in the driver's seat when the door on the passenger side suddenly opened to reveal a petite woman in a denim suit and cap! She was sitting in his car!

A refreshing scent suddenly greeted Zhao Yu. Suddenly, Zhao Yu remembered the b*tch at the cemetery.

Could it be another gold-digging woman?

That's not right. I am not driving my Phaeton, after all! This is only a crappy police car!

This...

The woman extended a finger to her lips and gestured for him to stay quiet. She then held her palms together and begged, "Mister police officer, please help me! I need to hide here for a while. Please, please!"

As the woman spoke, Zhao Yu saw her appearance clearly.

Oh my motherf*cker! At that moment, he suddenly remembered the hexagram for that day! It turns out that the Kan hexagram was indeed powerful!

I recognize this woman! She is the celebrity, Zhang Zichen!

Chapter 643: Great Discovery

Whoosh...

As the door of the Japanese restaurant slid open, the celebrity Zhang Zichen walked through it. Upon seeing this amazing scene, several loud cheers erupted.

The tatami in the room was filled with people. After they saw Zhang Zichen, they waved their arms excitedly and shouted with glee!

There were also people with party poppers that set them off, sending confetti showering down from the air. The atmosphere in the room was suddenly quite lively!

"Thanks, police officer!" Zhang Zichen bowed and thanked Zhao Yu politely. She then took out a CD from her bag and passed it to Zhao Yu. "This is my tribute album. I even autographed it. It's to express my heartfelt gratitude!"

“Thanks!” As Zhao Yu took the CD, he looked up at the people in the room who were burning with ardor. He saw that they were all innocent and young. Then, Zhao Yu wanted to say something but, he couldn’t find the appropriate words.

“Mm...” Zhang Zichen saw that Zhao Yu didn’t make a move, so she quickly exhorted, “Please, don’t tell anyone about me being here! These are my old classmates from Bai Ling, and we really don’t want to be interrupted by anyone else!”

“Oh, I understand! Don’t worry! Mm...” Actually, Zhao Yu was still pondering...

If it’s a side quest, will there be any trouble?

Zhao Yu stood at the door and hesitated. He was holding his phone, which swung back and forth in his hand.

Zhang Zichen saw that Zhao Yu still didn’t leave, so she suddenly thought of a reason for him to stay. She quickly took Zhao Yu’s phone and shouted at one of her classmates, “Xiao Lin, come and help me take a photo with this police officer!”

Her classmate named Xiao Lin immediately came over and took Zhao Yu’s phone to take the photo. Zhao Yu figured that he couldn’t be a party pooper, so he allowed the photo to be taken as he stood beside Zhang Zichen.

After that, Zhao Yu really couldn’t find any other reason to stay, so he bid farewell to her and exited the restaurant. After Zhao Yu got in the police car, he felt strange.

He never thought that he would get so close to a celebrity! However, as exciting as that was, he was much more concerned about the clues to solve the case and his miracle adventure accumulative points at the moment!

Obviously, his had merely been a short encounter with the celebrity, so he wouldn’t get too many accumulative points from this side quest just now. In fact, the evening had turned out quite different than he had planned...

It turns out that Zhang Zichen had studied in Bai Ling when she was young. This was the sentimental reason why she selected Bai Ling as the venue for her hundredth concert.

After the concert, Zhang Zichen had accepted her classmate’s invitation to attend the gathering. However, she had a conflict with her agent due to the timing of TV programming slots.

In the end, Zhang Zichen had gotten very upset and left. That was when she happened to run into Zhao Yu.

However, besides his surprisingly becoming her temporary driver, there was no other miracle adventure for Zhao Yu. Hence, when he rushed back to the Bai Ling Police Station, his accumulative points had only increased by a measly thirty-three points!

Thirty three points is too little!

Zhao Yu regretted these lackluster results. If he had known that it would be so fruitless, he might have just spent that time investigating the case instead!

Luckily, when he was on his way back to the police station, the special investigation group sent him some good news. Zeng Ke had found Tao Xiang in the surveillance video six years ago via his superb software!

Hence, their guesses were confirmed! The Tamil Star was really stolen by the king of the thieves, Tao Xiang!

Just as Zhao Yu had expected, Tao Xiang really did go to check out the venue two days before he stole the gemstone. All four surveillance cameras caught him in the act!

Surprisingly, he wasn't even wearing a disguise. In fact, he was wearing a very common suit when he appeared at the exhibition.

He then looked around casually at the exhibition, just like any other normal visitor. Hence, for six years, although the special force watched the surveillance videos over and over again, they didn't find anything that looked suspicious.

However, disappointingly, as predicted by Ran Tao, although he found Tao Xiang in the video, the footage still wasn't of any use. Even if the gemstone was really stolen by Tao Xiang, they still didn't know where the gemstone was!

Despite this, Zhao Yu was not discouraged. He was only motivated even more to solve this case!

In the afternoon, Zhao Yu was really sleepy, so he found a spa center with showers and such, bringing Ran Tao and Zeng Ke with him. As he and his team had been anxious and extremely tense for the last few days with this case, he knew that it would do them a world of good to just relax for a bit.

After the three of them luxuriated in the baths and took showers, they then stretched out in one of the healing rooms and took a nap. After they woke up, Zhao Yu called all of his teammates to meet them for some food in Bai Ling, as he wanted to enjoy the local delicacies together.

At this time, Zhao Yu sensed via his Invisible Detector that someone had been trailing behind them all this while. He assumed that it must be the people that Wu Fangfang had sent to spy on them. Hence, Wu Fangfang must also be unable to solve the case so far!

Although it was cold and someone was trailing them, everyone had fun during lunch. They almost sampled every single one of the local delicacies, starting from the beginning of Bai Ling's most famous food street to the end of it!

Moreover, Zhao Yu was surprisingly generous that day. Not only did he pay for all of the team's food, he even went into a few stores and bought everyone several luxurious items each!

Wu Xiumin and the rest of the teammates were dumbfounded and overwhelmed by his generous act. After that, everyone continued to shop in the area until about nine. They then returned to the Bai Ling Police Station.

When they arrived at the police station, everyone settled down and started their investigative tasks. However, even though everyone had recovered their energy levels, there still hadn't been any further progress due to the complex nature of the case.

As Zhao Yu was looking at Tao Xiang in the surveillance videos, a miracle adventure ending notification rang out. It alerted him that he had a completion rate of a hundred and fifteen percent and that the system had rewarded him with two new devices!

The first device was a pair of Invisible Gloves and the other was a Counter-surveillance Device. The former could allow him not to leave any fingerprints behind, while the latter allowed him to be invisible, so that he would not show up in any surveillance video!

That's interesting! Forget about the Invisible Gloves, the Counter-surveillance Device is especially interesting!

With that, Zhao Yu could avoid being seen by any surveillance camera. Thus, it was a magical device that enabled him to conduct wicked deeds!

Since I am now looking at Tao Xiang's surveillance videos and the system suddenly rewarded me with such a device. Is this a hint?

Just as Zhao Yu was thinking about this possibility, he heard a sudden scream in the office. As he quickly turned back and looked, he saw Cui Lizhu run up to the screen and point at Tao Xiang's image excitedly.

She then yelled, "Quick! Rewind the video for a bit, I think I saw something..."

Chapter 644: There's Another Person?

"What did you see?"

Looking at Cui Lizhu's heightened emotions, all of the teammates were suddenly energized. Zeng Ke quickly ran to the control console to rewind the video.

"Rewind it just a little more..." Cui Lizhu fixed her gaze at the monitor, an astounded look in her eyes.

"Here?" Zeng Ke asked. "As I slow down the video, say stop when you see it..."

Zeng Ke had just started to rewind the tape and Cui Lizhu shouted, "Stop! Wow... It's real..." Cui Lizhu took a huge stride towards the screen and pointed at Tao Xiang's arm, then said, "Look closely at his hand!"

"What? His hand?" Zeng Ke quickly zoomed in to get a closer look at where Cui Lizhu was pointing. However, no one else could see anything abnormal. There was nothing in Tao Xiang's hand.

"Cui, what do you mean?" Ran Tao scratched his head and asked. "Do you think he already stole the gemstone or something?"

"No!" Cui Lizhu shook her head. She looked at Zhao Yu, then pointed at Tao Xiang's right hand and said, "Look more closely. My dad had three of his fingers closed together, while his index finger is exposed! This is a secret code that my dad used to use. It means that there's a guard there and that the route doesn't work!"

"What?" Ran Tao was confused. "There's a guard? The route doesn't work? What do you mean?"

“When they would steal things, they had secret signals in place to alert each other if something went wrong. That hand signal means that they can’t go there, as there’s a guard there!” Wu Xiumin explained, while looking at Ran Tao with disdain.

Cui Lizhu bit her lips and said solemnly, “This kind of secret code would only be used when there were many people involved in the scheme! So... So...”

“Oh my God!” Zeng Ke responded first. He exclaimed, “You mean... Your dad had ally?”

Zhao Yu looked extremely calm as he heard this news, as though he had expected this all along. This was exactly why he wanted to look into Tao Xiang’s surveillance videos.

Zhao Yu understood how the thieves thought, so he figured that Tao Xiang wouldn’t be able to steal such a huge gemstone alone! Hence, he had determined that Tao Xiang didn’t commit the crime alone since the very beginning!

“Not just that...” Cui Lizhu said emotionally, “The secret code that my dad is using, there aren’t many people that know about it! So, I’m guessing the person who stole the gemstone with my dad was someone that he was close to, who is in his inner circle!”

Zhao Yu thought about this a moment, then said, “As Cui Fangyu was called the Third Bro, if Tao Xiang was his senior, could he be...”

“Very likely!” Cui Lizhu exclaimed, following his line of thinking. “I’m assuming that my dad was the third, while the ally might be the second! However, I never heard my dad bring up anything about any other disciples under the same master!”

Zeng Ke said, “If there was another thief, would that person still have the Tamil Star? And, if so, who would it be? Mm... Hold on, let me see the angle on this video better...”

Zeng Ke then started carefully observing all of the different camera angles, intending to find out the identity of Tao Xiang’s ally. Unfortunately, Tao Xiang’s ally must have been in the blind zone, as he wasn’t captured within the range of any of the other surveillance cameras either.

However, Zeng Ke didn’t give up. He figured if the cameras could capture Tao Xiang’s image, they would definitely capture his ally’s.

Then, Zeng Ke searched again through the surveillance videos, but he still of the other didn’t see any suspicious people. However, Cui Lizhu looked again and found another few places where Tao Xiang had given his secret code gesture.

“Hey! My dad snapped his fingers just then! This meant that this way wouldn’t work, so they need to look for another route out! That’s weird! Who was he sending these secret codes to?” Cui Lizhu was both excited and perplexed.

“Here, it should be here! Look!” Zeng Ke quickly switched the camera angle and said, “When Tao Xiang gave the secret code gesture, he was facing this exact direction, so his ally should appear in the surveillance camera number four from that angle! But... D*mn it...”

Suddenly, Zeng Ke, who was always quiet and polite, cursed! Everyone looked at the screen and found out why he was so mad all of a sudden. It turns out that the surveillance camera number four was aimed

at a huge statue, and the statue happened to be blocking the person who was most likely Tao Xiang's ally!

Even though Zeng Ke zoomed in on the image, he could only see the person's body and arm, not his face! Besides the black suit that the person was wearing, there was almost nothing else that could be seen!

"Don't panic, stay calm!" Zhao Yu saw that everyone was getting frustrated and impatient, so he quickly steadied himself and told everyone, "Don't forget that we have the surveillance footage from all of the entrances for the exhibition. We'll comb through each one, then surely we'll find the ally!"

Everyone nodded in agreement. They then divided up the footage among them and tried their bests to look through each frame of surveillance video.

Even after everyone had looked through the videos for a good two hours, no one had managed to find out the identity of Tao Xiang's ally! However, they did come across something even more fishy! The surveillance videos at the entrances of the exhibition never showed Tao Xiang at all!

Hey? That's not right!

If the cameras didn't capture Tao Xiang's image at the entrances, how did he enter? Moreover, how did he leave the exhibition?

"Cui!" Ran Tao rubbed his blood shot eyes and sighed, "Your dad lived up to his name as the king of the thieves, as he even came and went like a shadow ghost!"

Zhao Yu found this to be unexplainable and very fishy. He immediately thought of the device that he had received earlier...

Could it be that Tao Xiang had a Counter-surveillance Camera too, so he could avoid being seen by the camera?

What is going on?

Just as he thought of the system device, Zhao Yu suddenly thought of a personal matter. He had yet to get a new hexagram that day! So, he quickly used his will power to get one.

Lo and behold, Zhao Yu got himself a classic Gen Kan hexagram. This gave him a much needed boost of confidence, as this meant that he was on the right track in the investigation!

At that moment, Cui Lizhu looked at the video and pointed at Tao Xiang on the screen. "Hurry up and look. Look at my dad's body! I think I might know what is going on..."

Chapter 645: It Turned out Like This

"Really?" Ran Tao looked at Cui Lizhu in surprise. "Quick, tell me, what did you find out? Tao Xiang had nothing with him!"

"Exactly! It's strange that he had nothing with him! Look..." Cui Lizhu pointed at the other visitors at the exhibition, then said, "Besides the staff, everyone else is wearing a visitor's pass."

“Yeah! I never noticed that at all,” Zeng Ke said. “At the cultural relics exhibition, the theme was Silk Road! All of the visitors who bought tickets received a visitor’s pass as a keepsake!”

“So what?” Rao Tao still didn’t understand.

“Since Tao Xiang didn’t appear in the surveillance videos at any of the entrances, nor did he have a visitor’s pass, this must mean that he and his ally didn’t enter from any of the official entrances!” Zhao Yu pondered this a bit more, then said, “Lizhu was trying to explain that they must have entered from somewhere else...”

“What the h*ck? This king of the thieves is so stingy!” Ran Tao sighed. “They stole a hugely expensive gemstone, yet they weren’t even willing to buy a ticket?”

“No!” Cui Lizhu continued, “I know my dad well. As he was going for the Tamil Star, he wouldn’t take any actions recklessly! He would first get to know the ins and outs of the exhibition before doing anything!”

“Huh? Then... Do you mean...” Ran Tao’s eyebrows were tightly knit. “Tao Xiang and his ally had been living in the exhibition hall for awhile, casing the place?”

Cui Lizhu quickly attempted to explain, “Well, I calculated the timeline. From the time when my dad told me that he wanted to close a big deal and left the house until the news of the Gem Theft Case showed up on TV, it was merely three or four days! In other words, my dad only had two days to check out the venue before he took action!”

She then added, “At any highly secured place like the exhibition, two days is obviously not really sufficient time to properly case a joint! Even though my dad was a pro, he wouldn’t be able to make plans alone in such a short period of time, let alone getting his hands on that gemstone!” Cui Lizhu looked at everyone as she spoke. “So... So...”

Zhao Yu said, “You are suspecting that your dad’s ally was most likely someone from the inside staff of the exhibition! And, it’s that person that provided your dad with the accessibility to enter and exit unseen!”

This new theory caught everyone by surprise.

“Yes! Something along those lines!” Cui Lizhu nodded in agreement. “My dad is a careful person. If it wasn’t perfectly safe and planned out, he wouldn’t try it!”

Wu Xiumin quickly said, “The ally must be a staff person! Moreover, it must be someone in a place of high authority!”

“Hold on... Take a look at this first...” Suddenly, Zeng Ke seemed to find something.

He quickly projected his discovery up on the screen. “Look at this part. This is the last time that Tao Xiang appeared in any of the surveillance video footage. He walked towards the west of the exhibition on the third floor. After that, he never appeared again! This area was a private zone, meaning that there weren’t any emergency stairways or windows!”

He then added, “There’s only... Look...” As Zeng Ke studied the layout plan of the exhibition, he was stupefied and unable to even finish his sentence.

“What? Let me see...” Ran Tao came before Zeng Ke and read the location where Zeng Ke’s finger was pointed at, “Director of India... What... What does that mean? Why are you not saying anything?”

“Dumba**, AK!” Wu Xiumin reminded.

“What? I’m 47! Oh... Oh oh...” Ran Tao then understood her meaning. “You mean that Tao Xiang’s ally was the owner of the gemstone, AK? Oh my God! Then... Isn’t this identical with the inference of the special force back then?”

“Besides the Tamil Star,” Zeng Ke explained, “Akanksha had another few collections that were all there at the same exhibition! However, he didn’t attend the exhibition personally. Instead, everything was done on his behalf by another person in charge!

“I read over the exhibition’s work log. According to the rules, before participating in the exhibition, the owners of the exhibits had the rights to monitor and weigh in on the security measures! So, they should know about the security procedures of the exhibition. If they were to pass that information along to Tao Xiang, he could naturally have enough time to adequately check out the venue!”

“That’s true!” Wu Xiumin said. “But, these are all merely guesses. There’s still no evidence!”

“Who would have guessed that at the end of the day, the mastermind of the Gem Theft Case is that Indian dude!” Ran Tao exclaimed.

“Did you notice that we seem to be running around in circles, even after having investigated this case for so long. We are now back at our original point!” Zeng Ke said, then added, “It is clearly stated on Wu Fangfang’s information that both China and India sent out spies, as they were certain that the gemstone wasn’t with AK! So, if we really want to find the gemstone, we have to ask Tao Xiang!”

“No, that is not exactly right,” Zhao Yu said. “At least we know that Tao Xiang’s ally is related to the Indian! So, we can look into the staff members who were working with India. Then, we shall see who is the most suspicious one!”

“No no no..” Cui Lizhu quickly said. “Team Leader, you misunderstood me. The ally is the ally, while the Indian is the Indian! My dad might be working with the Indian to help them steal the gemstone, but the ally that did this with him is definitely another disciple under the same master! Trust me, the Indian would definitely not understand the secret codes!”

“Oh... That’s true...” Zhao Yu pondered this fact seriously and thought that Cui Lizhu’s logic definitely made sense.

It seemed like Tao Xiang’s ally was definitely someone very important. Moreover, the Tamil Star might really still be in his hands!

Zeng Ke suddenly sighed in disappointment. “I just read something in Wu Fangfang’s information. It turns out that the special force was just like us back then. They highly suspected the team from India and thought that they were the ones that leaked the security information!”

He then added, “There is even a list of suspects’ names. Among them, there was a person named Lu Gang. He was listed as the prime suspect. He was the person in charge of all of AK’s affairs. As such, he took care of everything regarding the Tamil Star!”

He took a breath, then kept retelling the facts. "Something really bizarre happened to him though, as just when the special force was investigating him, there was a gas leakage in his house. Both he and his fiancée died! Although it looked like an accident, the special force suspected that it was most likely AK who had killed them to shut them up! And, since Lu Gang's death, AK's deputy was nowhere to be found. The police authority in India tried to look for him, but they couldn't find him! Then, as time dragged on, they just gave up..."

"Gosh. It'd be great if Lu Gang was still alive!" Wu Xiumin said. "Maybe, it's this person who connected Tao Xiang with AK?"

As they spoke among themselves, all offering different hypotheses, Zhao Yu beckoned for Zeng Ke to show Cui Lizhu Lu Gang's information and photos. However, Cui Lizhu could only look at it and shook her head. She had never seen the person!

Zhao Yu didn't stop there, but told her to look through all of the suspects that the police had listed, just to see if there was anyone who they had left out. Although Zhao Yu was anxious, he could faintly feel that he was close to finding some answers!

Chapter 646: If You Were Him

It was already late at night. Although they had taken a nap at the spa center, it obviously couldn't resolve the weariness that had accumulated in the past several days. As such, the few teammates and Cui Lizhu were now taking a light snooze on the working desk in the office.

At that very moment, only Zhao Yu was still writing and scribbling on the whiteboard. The latest clues that they had obtained the night before were encouraging. But, after they looked into them in closer detail, they met a dead end.

Now, even if they knew that Tao Xiang stole the gemstone, cooperated with the Indian, and had a secret ally, they still had no idea where the Tamil Star was. Zhao Yu knew that he basically had two options.

The first option would be to investigate AK and reveal the truth behind his employment of Tao Xiang to steal the gemstone. His other option was to investigate Tao Xiang's ally, who had been hiding behind the scenes all this while. After all, maybe the ally would be related to the Headless Female Corpses Case too!

As AK was located in another nation and was a famous international tycoon, it was obviously unrealistic to investigate him at the moment. On the other hand, Tao Xiang's ally was even more difficult to find!

Even Cui Lizhu had no idea about the person's origins. It was clear that the ally was a very careful person as well, so it would not be easy to find him.

If both routes are not working, what other ways are there?

Then, Zhao Yu suddenly thought of Team Leader Wu Fangfang. Zhao Yu felt that she must have found Tao Xiang in the surveillance video too, just like they had been able to!

Perhaps they already knew that Tao Xiang had cooperated with the Indian! He wondered if Wu Fangfang had other information that would help them make some progress in the case investigation.

It was just too bad that the woman was so stubborn! The higher ups had already ordered her to work together with Zhao Yu, but she insisted on working on her own! If both teams were to share their resources and discuss the case together, they might be able to really make some progress!

At that very moment, on the whiteboard, Zhao Yu connected Tao Xiang's name with the Indian's and also the mysterious ally's. He wrote a small note in between — injured!

Zhao Yu felt that if AK's deputy, Lu Gang, was killed by AK, it at least showed that AK was a cruel person!

Then, could the situation be like this? ...

Perhaps Tao Xiang stole the gemstone as agreed upon. However, as they were trading with the Indian, the Indian wanted to kill them to shut them up. So, the Indian took action against Tao Xiang and his ally.

The heavy knock on Tao Xiang's head, could it be from the Indian's attack?

However, although he was severely injured, Tao Xiang and his ally managed to escape. In the end, his ally saw that Tao Xiang was in a coma, so he decided to run away with the gemstone alone. When Tao Xiang woke up, the awareness that he had been robbed by his ally, as well as the pain of his external injuries, caused him to have a complete mental breakdown.

However, Cui Lizhu said that Tao Xiang had left for more than thirty days at that time.

Why would he need so much time? Would it be... After Tao Xiang woke up, he wanted to look for the gemstone, so he tried to look for the ally? In the end, he must not have been able to find him and just gave up...

Zhao Yu shook his head. If these assumptions were correct, it would be even more difficult to solve this case! After all, Tao Xiang didn't know where his ally went!

It seems like it is going to be really difficult to find the gemstone!

Sigh!

After exhaling a long sigh, Zhao Yu suddenly recalled the lyrics from one of the celebrity Zhang Zichen's songs. The name of the song was If It Was You.

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The song was very popular. Even though Zhao Yu hadn't memorized the lyrics, he could hum along with the melody. The more he sang along, the more meaningful he found the song's words to be.

Hence, he walked before the working desk and took out the CD that Zhang Zichen had given him. He then put it into the CD player and pressed the play button. The first song of the CD happened to be If It Was You!

Zhao Yu was afraid that he would wake the other teammates, so he put the volume to the lowest level. However, Cui Lizhu, who was nearest to the CD player, still woke up. Cui Lizhu didn't complain, but started humming along lightly.

"Walking through youth, radiant with joy. I like you to sing softly in my ears the most..." She sang along the entire chorus, then finally lifted her head.

She looked at Zhao Yu with her beautiful eyes and said, "Team Leader is in a good mood. Why would you start singing as you investigate the case? I don't understand. The song is about simple bliss, which seems to have nothing to do with this case!"

Zhao Yu smiled. "The reason why the song is so charming is because it is filled with determination, whether that be in a relationship or life..."

"Now, there's an excellent frame of mind! Who would have guessed that a police officer would have such a profound understanding of art, music, and life!" Cui Lizhu sighed. "I never expected you to like Zhang Zichen's song..."

As she spoke, Cui Lizhu stretched her body and took a closer look at the CD.

"Wow! This is a hi-fi pure audio album!" Cui Lizhu was stunned and exclaimed. "This... can't be bought in any ordinary shop, right?"

"Eh? You sound like a professional! You do know a thing or two about your music!" Zhao Yu suddenly was in the mood to show off, so he said, "Let me tell you, Zhang Zichen gave it to me personally!"

"What?" Cui Lizhu laughed and pointed at Zhao Yu, then said in a teasing voice, "Yeah, right! Like Zhang Zichen would actually give you a present!"

"Hey? Why would I lie about this?" Zhao Yu stood straight up and explained, "Zhang Zichen really gave it to me personally! Look..."

He then unlocked his phone and opened the camera roll to his photo with Zhang Zichen, while showing it to Cui Lizhu.

"Seriously? You photoshopped this, right? Hehehe..." Cui Lizhu clearly didn't believe him. "I never knew that you even liked Zhang Zichen! You have even photoshopped a photo with her in it!"

"No! Zhang Zichen is here!" Zhao Yu explained, "Look closely. Where can you find any traces of my using photoshop? She took this photo with me because I did her a favor and she gave me the CD as a thank you gift. This was just yesterday!"

"Hehehe... Carry on..." Although Cui Lizhu didn't believe him, she held the photo and looked at it closely. Suddenly, her facial expression grew solemn.

She held Zhao Yu's phone and said, "Actually, the photo is quite real looking. Are you really telling the truth?"

"Of course!" Zhao Yu assured her.

"Wow! Yesterday!" Cui Lizhu exclaimed. "Team Leader, you must like her a lot, as you went to chase after her instead of working on the case!"

"No, no! I told you I went to investigate the case and just happened to run into her! Why would I like her?" Apparently, Zhao Yu's trying to explain himself was making things even worse!

"Hey, just a minute..." Cui Lizhu suddenly found something in the photo, so she quickly asked, "Team Leader, where did you take this photo? Who exactly are these people in the background?"

“We were in a Japanese restaurant, and these are all of Zhang Zichen’s old classmates!” Zhao Yu replied. “Why? Do you see any familiar faces?”

“Familiar faces? No...” Cui Lizhu pointed at a spot in the photo and said excitedly, “But, I do recognize this thing!”

Chapter 647: Do I Know?

“What is it?” Zhao Yu creased his eyebrows, having suddenly noticed Cui Lizhu’s solemn expression.

“Zoom in a little...” Cui Lizhu had her eyebrows tightly knit. The discovery before her eyes seemed to be somehow related to her.

As the image was enlarged, Zhao Yu was able to see that Cui Lizhu’s target wasn’t the celebrity Zhang Zichen, but her classmate who was behind her! Apparently, when Zhao Yu had been taking a photo with the celebrity, the photo happened to capture all of her classmates as well.

Cui Lizhu was pointing at a very good-looking girl, who was wearing a very expensive checkered shirt. She looked very poised and dignified.

However, Cui Lizhu’s target was obviously not the girl herself, but the dragon-shaped bracelet on her wrist! Although it was made of gold, it had a dark shimmering glow to it. The head and tail of the dragon had been embellished with a blue gemstone.

Honestly speaking, it was the first time that Zhao Yu had ever seen something like that. He reckoned that it cost quite a bit.

“Ah! Seriously! That’s right!” After Cui Lizhu certified this fact, she shouted out.

“What happened?” someone uttered, shocked by her shout.

Zeng Ke then took the photo and projected it onto the big screen. He then zoomed in on it so that the dragon-shaped bracelet that the girl was wearing was displayed clearly before everyone.

“My dad wore this bracelet once before!” Cui Lizhu recognized it instantly. “It was about ten years back! My dad did a big deal and brought back some beautiful things to show me. One of them was this bracelet!”

She smiled at the memory, then continued. “My dad thought that the workmanship was great, so he wore it on his wrist when no one else was around! He told me that it was most likely something that the emperor from the Ming Dynasty once wore!”

She giggled a little, then admitted, “I even made fun of my dad for wearing it back then. I said that, as it was worn by an emperor, it must have been found by a gravedigger, which meant that it must be unlucky! However, my dad said that he could feel the aura of an emperor when he wore it, which made him like it very much!”

Cui Lizhu then pointed at the photo and said, "Although the dragon looks slightly dark, it was made of pure gold, while the head and tail of the dragon was embellished with an expensive agate. This is clearly an antique! It's worth was already exorbitant back then, so I can't begin to imagine its current value!"

Ran Tao was still confused as usual, so he asked, "Why would the bracelet be on her wrist in this picture then? The girl must be very rich! She is also quite pretty..."

"This thing was in my house for less than half a year. Then, it disappeared and I never saw it again! I reckon it was sold off by my dad," Cui Lizhu guessed.

"Yes! It must have been sold!" Ran Tao jumped to his feet and cut in again, "Otherwise, how could the girl be wearing it?"

Ran Tao took a breath, then a stunned look came over his face, as he finally understood! "If we could find out where this girl got the bracelet, couldn't we then find Tao Xiang's dealer? The dealer must know quite a bit about Tao Xiang, right?"

"Yes! That's exactly what I meant to say!" Cui Lizhu nodded her head in agreement.

"Ten years ago..." Zhao Yu pondered about it, then suddenly gave an interesting inference, "Don't forget that Gao Facai certified that Tao Xiang buried the metal box at Du Manting's grave ten years ago! Could it be that Tao Xiang didn't sell the bracelet, but buried it with the box?"

"Oh my God!" Ran Tao exclaimed. He was clearly astonished.

Everyone else was equally shocked at Zhao Yu's hypothesis. Zeng Ke quickly said, "That'd be crazy! If it were to be buried with the metal box, wouldn't it mean that the person who sold the bracelet to the girl was the person that stole Tao Xiang's treasure? Moreover, the person would then most likely be the murderer in the Headless Female Corpses Case too!"

"Yes! Exactly!" Cui Lizhu shouted emotionally. "I told you that my dad wasn't a serial killer! We have to investigate this further!"

Wu Xiumin heard this discussion and quickly stood up. She then told Zhao Yu, "Team Leader, we have to give it a try! Let's go find this girl and figure out who she really is."

"She's Zhang Zichen's old classmate!" Zhao Yu told Zeng Ke. "So, as long as we can find the registration of Bai Ling students, we will be able to find this person!"

"Alright! I will take care of it!" Zeng Ke immediately pumped went to his computer to search for the information.

Then, Cui Lizhu recalled, "My dad said that the ancient dragon-shaped bracelet was a classic male series model, so it's strange that a woman would be wearing it! It's actually a bit taboo."

She clucked her tongue, then continued. "Any person with the basic knowledge of social graces would know about this! It might even damage one's fate if it were to be worn recklessly! I don't know why no one reminded this girl of such a risk!"

"It doesn't matter if anyone reminded her or not!" Zeng Ke tapped on the keyboard as he spoke. "As long as you can confirm that the bracelet is the exact same one that you had before!"

"I am certain of it!" Cui Lizhu pointed at the agate on the head of the dragon and said, "I remember very clearly that the agate was half dark blue and half light blue. It is definitely the same one!"

"That will do..." As Zeng Ke was looking for the girl who was wearing the dragon shaped bracelet, someone knocked on the door.

"Come in!" As Zhao Yu answered, Captain Sun from the Bai Ling Police Station rushed in.

"Hi everyone! Thank you for your all of your hard work!" Captain Sun greeted them quickly, then went straight to talking business. "I came here to inform you about the second headless female corpse's identity. We found a match from the database! Here..."

Then, Captain Sun passed the stack of information to Zhao Yu and said, "The person's information is all there! I hope it will help!"

Zhao Yu thanked him and began to look through the information with everyone else.

"That's interesting!" Zhao Yu suddenly creased his eyebrows. "I thought that it would be found through the portrait! How come it was discovered through the matching of DNA? Had no one else looked through it in the past few years?"

"No!" Captain Sun quickly explained, "It's a coincidence! The deceased victim's cousin committed a crime in Longxi last month, so the police kept a copy of his DNA! As it was in the database then, we were able to match it with the deceased victim's DNA! We then contacted the local police and confirmed the victim's identity!"

"Zhao Yu then suddenly realized something and excitedly said, "Hey! I am from Longxi too! Is the victim from there?"

Captain Sun didn't hesitate but replied, "Although her cousin was arrested in Yunzhou, the deceased victim was from Qinshan!"

"What?!" Zhao Yu was shocked and thought to himself, Qinshan? How could it be so coincidental?

My bro system, what kind of joke are you making right now? Tell me honestly, do I know this victim?

Chapter 648: Transporting a Corpse for a Thousand Miles

Luckily, although the Headless Corpses Case's second victim was from Qinshan, she was not related to Zhao Yu at all. The person's name was Sun Xiuer.

She was thirty eight years old when she went missing. She was single and didn't have a proper job. As she was estranged from her family and didn't have many friends, no one filed a police report when she went missing. Hence, the case dragged on for many years and her dead body remained a Jane Doe.

However, the Bai Ling Police Station's investigated it more thoroughly. They searched through identity databases and found her record in an old file at the Qinshan police office. It turned out that Sun Xiuer was once arrested by the police in the late eighties, which caused her imprisoned for two years.

Another human trafficker?

After they saw the information, Zhao Yu and his teammates first thought that she must have been a human trafficker. After all, when they were investigating Bai Lili previously, they already suspected that the motive of the Headless Female Corpses Case was related to human trafficking.

The previous investigation group that investigated the case in 2003 had the same suspicions. Captain Jin even recorded it in the yellow notebook!

Although Bai Lili wasn't technically a human trafficker, her act of kidnapping Cui Lizhu was considered as being close enough. In the end, however, the police gave up on this suspicion during the investigation back then!

The fourth victim of the Headless Female Corpses Case, Zhang Xiaoxiao, was an accountant at a state-owned enterprise. She was famous locally and her family was quite wealthy. Hence, she wouldn't be related to human trafficking at all.

As for the fifth victim, Xi Yanmei, she was a teacher at a private school, while her husband ran a factory. They were considered to be the wealthiest couple in their area, so it would be ridiculous for her to get into human trafficking!

So, although Sun Xiuer had once been a human trafficker, it couldn't prove that the Headless Female Corpses Case was related to human trafficking. Besides, Sun Xiuer was located in Qinshan, so she wouldn't have known Du Manting. Hence, although the identity of the victim had been confirmed, it didn't help at all with the case investigation!

"Oh my God!" Ran Tao pointed at the map and said, "Sun Xiuer's dead body was found in Jin'an Linfu. Linfu is eight hundred kilometers away from Qinshan. He carried the dead body eight hundred kilometers! This... This is unbelievable."

"Yeah! No wonder Sun Xiuer's dead body had rotted the most!" Wu Xiumin said. "It seems that the murderer killed her, took care of the dead body, then moved it that far away!"

"True!" Hearing that, Captain Sun let out a heavy sigh and told Zhao Yu, "Sir, I have worked on the frontline for all of my life. I wonder if I could share my thoughts about this case with you all?"

"Of course, you are more than welcome!" Zhao Yu never thought that Captain Sun would be so helpful, and he quickly thanked him with a firm handshake and nod.

Ever since he had met Captain Sun, Zhao Yu had taken a liking to him. He felt that he possessed all the qualities that an outstanding police detective should have. He was neither too haughty nor too humble, he had an awe-inspiring righteousness, and he devoted himself wholeheartedly to his work.

"I found an issue..." Captain Sun said seriously, "I realized that the most extreme measures that the murderer took was in transporting a corpse for a thousand miles!"

What Captain Sun had just said attracted everyone's attention. He looked around at their surprised faces, then continued. "I suspect that the murderer transported the dead body so far in order for the police to be unable to identify it, as it would have rotted so much by the time anyone discovered it! Especially back then!"

Captain Sun started reminiscing. “Yep, back then, we were kind of backwards as far as investigation methods. The information couldn’t be obtained as easily as it is now. We certainly didn’t have modern technology and surveillance cameras everywhere! Hence, the golden period to solve a case was always at the very beginning, when the case first occurred! The earlier we could identify the dead body, the easier it would be to solve the case! Thus, the murderer picked at our weakest point!”

He shook his head, clearly saddened by this. “After he killed someone, he moved the dead body a thousand miles away. This undoubtedly increased the difficulty in our solving the case! Plus, he even chopped off the victims’ heads and fingers! Hence, the police couldn’t certify their identities!”

Again, he shook his head, then paused to calm himself a bit. “As the identity couldn’t be confirmed, it delayed the best time to collect evidence, which made it even more difficult to solve the case! So, I think the murderer must be very familiar with the police investigation procedure!”

“Yes!” Zhao Yu nodded in agreement.

Actually, Zhao Yu had thought of this very thing a long time ago. He really was beginning to think that the murderer was either an internal staff member or a person who regularly dealt with the police!

This was partly why Zhao Yu had suspected Tao Xiang, as the king of the thieves naturally knew the police department’s investigative approach. However, the recent signs pointed to the fact that Tao Xiang might not be the true murderer of the Headless Female Corpse Case!

Then, who could it be? could it be Tao Xiang’s mysterious ally?

As the person was in the same field as Tao Xiang, would he also know about the police department’s investigative approach?

“If what Captain Sun said is correct...” Ran Tao pondered and said, “We can confirm something! After 1998, the murderer stopped killing! Would it really be because the DNA technology had gained popularity by then? With DNA technology, even if the murderer sent the dead body overseas, they would still be able to identify the person’s identity. Hence, he dared not continue to commit any more crimes!”

“Yes, I think that could be right!” Captain Sun nodded. “I hope I helped!”

Zeng Ke suddenly gestured to Zhao Yu, who understood him with just one glance. Zeng Ke had found the girl with the dragon-shaped bracelet. With Captain Sun being there, Zeng Ke wasn’t sure about whether he should mention it to Zhao Yu in front of him, which is why he had used the charades method!

At that very moment, Zhao Yu was planning his next step in his head. They had to use the Bai Ling Police Station’s manpower to investigate the origins of the dragon-shaped bracelet.

However, Zhao Yu faintly realized that, if he were to carry out the investigation publicly, it might not be appropriate. After all, the case investigation was currently under a microscope. The Central Criminal Division, Nanjiang provincial office, Bai Ling Police station, Wu Fangfang and many other people were paying close attention to them.

Moreover, they had only found a dragon-shaped bracelet. If they were to go look for more evidence so openly, yet not find anything else, it would definitely negatively affect his special investigation group.

Plus, Zhao Yu was worried that such information regarding the search for new clues might alert suspects who had been paying close attention to the case investigation in secret.

Hence, it would be better to be very careful and quietly conduct every step. As such, Zhao Yu redirected his attention to Captain Sun. He held Captain Sun's shoulder and spoke to him in whisper, telling him everything about the dragon-shape bracelet and his concerns regarding the case.

Captain Sun was excited upon hearing the news of the bracelet's discovery. He shared with Zhao Yu that he thought it was an important clue that required immediate investigation.

However, Zhao Yu requested that he carry out the investigation in secret and not report anything to the higher ups until further notice. As Captain Sun was an experienced general, he naturally understood Zhao Yu's concerns and immediately guaranteed Zhao Yu that the people that he was going to send out for investigation were trustworthy!

At that moment, Zhao Yu felt an even deeper reverence for the senior police detective. He was going to retire in a few days time, so he didn't have to take the risk, but he agreed to help him anyway. This said a lot about his virtue and patriotism!

After Zeng Ke located the girl via GPS, Captain Sun immediately gathered his team and flew into action. In order for them to obtain information, Zhao Yu brought Ran Tao, Wu Xiumin, and Cui Lizhu altogether, leaving Zeng Ke to guard the headquarters.

It was half past five before dawn and the sky was still dark. Zhao Yu was sitting in the police car, wondering if they could find any new clues.

Chapter 649: Old Ginger Is Hotter than Young Ginger

Just to be safe, Captain Sun sent out four police cars and dozens of police detectives! These detectives were all his right-hand men, all of whom were seasoned veterans and very experienced.

It was naturally easy for them to take care of such matters. Thus, Zhao Yu and his teammates were only required to wait in the car for updates.

"Song Xiaoyuan..." Wu Xiumin read the information out loud from her phone, "Graduated from Nanjiang University. Her father runs a private hospital, while her mother is one of the higher ups in a bank. They are quite a wealthy family!"

"Yeah!" Cui Lizhu added, "To be able to attend Zhang Zichen's school gathering, I reckon she isn't any small potato! However, the dragon-shaped bracelet is almost priceless, so I feel that Song Xiaoyuan didn't buy it herself, but that it was her parents who bought it for her!"

Rao Tao suddenly thought of something and said, "Her dad runs a private hospital. Could that be related to taking care of dead bodies? Would he be know about embalming?"

"Ugh! Just how dumb are you?" Wu Xiumin rolled her eyes at him as usual. "If we followed along with your thoughts, we could close the case now, right? The murderer of the Headless Female Corpses Case is Song Xiaoyuan's father, right? The Tamil Star should be in her dad's safe box, right? He was the one

who stole Tao Xiang's treasure and buried the heads in it, right? Hehe... I really hope so. I hope your daydream would become reality just like that!"

Just as Wu Xiumin was ridiculing him, she suddenly was cut short by Zhao Yu, who had just exchanged a glance with her. Then, even Cui Lizhu was silent, as they looked at one another, the same thought finally sinking in...

Then, Zhao Yu made a call to Zeng Ke, telling him to investigate Song Xiaoyuan's father and to check on the nature of the private hospital's business to see if it had anything to do with embalming.

Just as the call ended, Captain Sun and his men came out from Song Xiaoyuan's house. After he got in to the car, Captain Sun passed the dragon-shaped bracelet, which he had placed in an evidence bag, to Zhao Yu.

He then said to everyone, "We confirmed it! The bracelet was given to her by her boyfriend! We have located him and are going to head over to investigate now!"

Hearing such a promising outcome, Zhao Yu and his teammates let out relieved sighs. It seemed that the shocking inference that they had made earlier was merely their wishful thinking!

As Captain Sun spoke, everyone saw through the window that there were policemen bringing Song Xiaoyuan's family to one of the squad cars. They were most likely being brought back for interrogation.

Then, under the lead of Captain Sun, everyone drove to the next stop. In half an hour's time, they arrived at a luxurious house to find Song Xiaoyuan's boyfriend, who they interrogated immediately. He insisted that he didn't buy the dragon-shaped bracelet himself, but took it from his father's vault!

Apparently, he saw that the bracelet looked nice, so he took it to give it to Song Xiaoyuan as a present. He had no idea about its value or origin. Hence, the police immediately arrested him and rushed to their third stop, his parent's place.

Their house was located in a luxury estate suburb of Bai Ling. It was said that his family ran a steel plant, so he was not just any ordinary rich kid. His father liked to collect cultural relics, so his vault was more like a treasure trove than a vault! As such, it came as no surprise that there were many valuable items displayed there.

When they arrived at the luxurious estate, the police came across a minor problem. The rich man not only ran a steel plant, he also knew a little about the law.

So, when the police swarmed into his house to ask him about the origin of the dragon-shaped bracelet and request to check his vault, he refused to cooperate, citing the absence of a search warrant. He also declared that he was going to sue to the police for trespassing and malicious enforcement!

As the person was rich and obviously had wide connections, and also due to the fact that this was related to such a major case, Zhao Yu was loathe to call any more attention to it, much less raise a big hubbub and lawsuit!

Just as Zhao Yu was clearly getting frustrated with the situation, Captain Sun, who was experienced with this kind of thing, went before Zhao Yu and took out a document...

At that very moment, he finally saw how astute Captain Sun really was. The experienced captain had expected such a situation, so he had brought along a counter-terrorism search warrant!

Once Captain Sun presented the document, he was able to search the rich man's house by force, his excuse being that he suspected that the rich man was harboring a terrorist in his house!

Not only did Captain Sun take out the document, he also said that according to some clauses in some chapters of the Criminal Law, Civil Law, Anti-Terrorism Act and that sort, if the rich man tried to impede the investigation, he would be charged for threatening national security! Needless to say, the rich man got frightened and immediately took out the keys to unlock his vault!

Zhao Yu was completely astounded by Captain Sun's actions. He never expected that Captain Sun would teach him such a lively lesson! It turns out that there were many things that could be solved without using fists!

When the rich man opened his treasure showroom vault, all of the police detectives were nearly blinded by his priceless collection! Lacquerware, oil paintings, statues, antiques and so on filled the entire space!

This b*stard! How is he so d*mn rich?

Then, Wu Xiumin took out the dragon-shaped bracelet and asked the rich man to identify it and explain its origin. However, the man refused to admit that it had come from his vault! He said that he didn't remember any such item!

Looking at the rich man quibbling and denying, Zhao Yu was dying to stuff the bracelet down his throat! However, before Zhao Yu could do anything, Cui Lizhu shouted in amazement again...

"This is Diao Mountain Red Jade! This is the Blood Jade... and this, this..." Cui Lizhu pointed at the few treasure on his display rack and said, "These things, were my dad's... Oh no... Were things that Tao Xiang stole. I've seen them, I've seen all of them before!"

"Huh?"

Zhao Yu was shocked. He never thought a new clue would appear so suddenly. He quickly seized the collar of the rich man as though he was holding onto a baby chick by the scruff of its baby feathers.

He then pulled him close to his face and roared, "Tell me! Where did all these things come from?"

As Zhao Yu looked just like a demon whenever he got angry, the rich man was frightened out of his wits. He said, "I'll tell you everything..."

Chapter 650: I Am the Junior Disciple

"The antique market on Heyan Street, the one along the North River! Lao Gao's Jade Shop! It was Lao Gao who sold me these!" The rich man told Captain Sun. "I only like to collect them, I swear! I really don't know much about these cultural relics. You have to look for Lao Gao and ask him about all of this!"

While the rich man was giving his side of the story, Zhao Yu made a call to Zeng Ke, telling him to immediately start investigating Lao Gao. At the same time, Captain Sun beckoned for one of his

underlings to go investigate the jade shop. If the rich man was telling the truth, the jade shop might be a front, used by an underground merchant who specialized in stolen relics!

Cui Lizhu suddenly shouted at the rich man, "So, you're trying to excuse yourself from the matter entirely, as if you had nothing to do with it? You think I can't tell how many smuggled items and unearthed relics are in here?"

"Mm. This..." The rich man never thought the young lady would know so much about cultural relics. Feeling himself exposed, his face grew grave.

Zhao Yu was extremely smart too, and he saw that Cui Lizhu had found the rich man's soft spot. So, he immediately pulled his gangster act, bending down and grabbing the rich man's shoulders, while smiling maliciously.

He then said, "Boss! Let me tell you something. You have three identities to choose from. First, you are an innocent buyer who was conned by the relics seller. Hence, you accidentally bought some stolen items. Second, you knew the origins of the relics, but you still took the goods to gain a petty profit. Third, you joined the relics seller in his crime and dealt in stolen goods alongside him. In that case, you will be charged with selling cultural relics!"

"Bro, please don't do this to me," the rich man was clearly flustered now. He immediately bit his lip and said in embarrassment, "I am close to the bureau chiefs at the police station. Can't you show me some leniency?"

"Alright! You must be opting for the third identity!" Zhao Yu immediately took out his document and said coolly, "I am a special investigator from the Central Division, and I am investigating a national murder case! I suspect that the stolen items that you collected are related to the murder case! The case is also involved with corruption..."

"Hold on! I'm picking the first one! Police officer, I am a legal businessman. I don't know anything about the stolen relics, I was conned by a liar! I am innocent!" the rich man protested.

Zhao Yu nodded in satisfaction. "Great. It's easier for me if you are willing to cooperate anyway. So, this wicked relics seller, tell me about him..."

The rich man quickly told him, "Lao Gao's actual name is Gao Wanlin. He is a local from Bai Ling. His zodiac sign is the dog. The jade shop was merely a front! The guy was really selling stolen relics in secret. In fact, he knows more than half of the relics sellers in Bai Ling! Oh, yeah, I also know where his house is, as well as where his warehouse is!"

As they were watching the rich man out the relics seller, the police detectives were astonished.

No wonder the industry of selling stolen relics was not doing so well! There were too many people that were not loyal within it!

After handing over the addresses, the rich man even added, "Oh, yeah, I know another shocking secret! Lao Gao was a petty thief before he started selling stolen relics! He must have committed a lot of crimes then! And, once when he was drunk, he told me a huge secret! He said that he was really Tao Xiang's junior disciple!"

That instance, Zhao Yu nearly fell on the ground! The police detectives were shocked as well.

Wu Xiumin recited in disdain, "Blurting out the truth to one another after drinking. The two of you are quite close it seems."

Cui Lizhu was the one who was most shocked, and she pointed at the rich man and asked, "Is it true? What you just said? Tao Xiang had a junior disciple?"

The rich man hesitated, then nodded and replied, "Well, that's what he said! It's been a while since he said that, about four years, maybe five..."

His voice trailed off, then he started on a new train of thought. "Let me be frank with you. Including the dragon-shaped bracelet, these things were all sold to me in one purchase about five years back. He told me that the seller needed cash fast. Hence, he offered to sell it all to me for a bargain price of two million."

The rich man pretended to be helpless and said, "So, I bought it. But, I really didn't know it was stolen! I was only concerned about the quality of the goods at that time."

"Forget about yourself, tell us about Tao Xiang!" Zhao Yu roared.

"Oh, Tao Xiang, right! Well, after the deal, I got close to Lao Gao. Then, when we were drinking once, he had too much to drink, so he asked me if I knew who had sold me the goods. Then...." At that moment, the rich man realized that he had blurted out something that he shouldn't have...

If he knew who sold him the goods, it meant that he knew about the entire situation all along! Hence, he shut his mouth and stopped his telling his story mid-sentence.

Zhao Yu knew exactly what was going on, so he quickly patted the rich man's shoulders and said, "From what I see, you are really a poor, innocent victim. You gave him the money, and only then did he tell you the origin of the relics. You can't be blamed, right?"

Then, Zhao Yu whispered into his ears, "Don't worry. I have special privileges. Tell us honestly, then we will make sure you're safe!"

"Yes! Okay!" The rich man looked at Zhao Yu with grateful eyes and continued, "You're right. Lao Gao conned me! He told me that those things belonged to the king of the thieves, Tao Xiang! Even though I immediately requested a refund, he wasn't willing to grant it. So tell me, am I not a victim?"

"We will talk about that later!" As Zhao Yu spat out the words, the rich man didn't dare to delay any further, but continued in hopes of extricating himself from any blame.

He sputtered, "I heard many rumors before, saying that Lao Gao's nickname was Flying Squirrel Gao! He was also in a burglar league before he started selling stolen relics! However, this guy was entirely different from Tao Xiang. Everyone knows that Tao Xiang was the king of the thieves, not some silly squirrel moniker! Then, when he was drunk, he actually declared himself as being Tao Xiang's junior disciple!"

Flying Squirrel Gao... Tao Xiang's junior disciple... Ally at the exhibition...

Zhao Yu pondered all of this seriously...

Was it Flying Squirrel Gao who stole the Tamil Star with Tao Xiang? In the video, was Tao Xiang sending him the hand signal?

The gemstone was stolen six years ago, and Flying Squirrel Gao sold Tao Xiang's treasure to this rich man five years ago... Could Tao Xiang's treasure have been plundered by this person?

Then, what about the victims' heads?